

SENATE BILL 269

By Tracy

AN ACT to name the Nursing Department Complex at the
Tennessee Technology Center at Shelbyville in honor of
the late Edna Shoffner.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to permanently commemorate the accomplishments of those exemplary public servants who, during their lifetimes, contributed significantly to the growth and prosperity of this State; and

WHEREAS, the late Edna Shoffner and her pioneering achievements in service of the State Area Vocational Technical School, currently known as the Tennessee Technology Center at Shelbyville, should be appropriately memorialized; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Shoffner was a consummate professional who demonstrated dedication, integrity, service, and compassion as a member of the nursing profession; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Shoffner began her nursing career in 1949, as a student at St. Thomas School of Nursing in Nashville, where she received her diploma in nursing; and

WHEREAS, upon graduation, Edna Shoffner served with acumen and alacrity as a pediatric instructor at St. Thomas Hospital, later serving at Bedford County General Hospital as Director of Nursing, night supervisor, OB charge nurse, and surgical charge nurse; and

WHEREAS, in 1962, Edna Shoffner drew upon her extensive knowledge, experiences, teaching ability, and her gift of caring and high moral standards to begin teaching individuals the art of nursing at Bedford County General Hospital; and

WHEREAS, in 1967, Mrs. Shoffner became the inspiration and motivating force behind the development and implementation of the Licensed Practical Nursing program at the State Area Vocational-Technical School, now known as the Tennessee Technology Center at Shelbyville; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Shoffner guided the Licensed Practical Nursing program as Practical Nursing Instructor and Coordinator of the Shelbyville Practical Nursing Program at the Tennessee Technology Center at Shelbyville from 1962 until her retirement in 1995, providing nursing education for 696 Licensed Practical Nurses; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Shoffner's success as an educator is evidenced by the high percentage rate of her nursing students who passed State Boards; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Edna Shoffner demonstrated a remarkable determination and ability to get things done with limited resources, and it is proper that she should be posthumously honored for her many invaluable contributions to the Tennessee Technology Center at Shelbyville; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the Nursing Department Complex at the Tennessee Technology Center at Shelbyville in Bedford County is hereby designated the "Edna Shoffner Allied Health Complex" as a lasting tribute to one of the most outstanding citizens and public servants this State has ever produced.

SECTION 2. The Tennessee Board of Regents is directed to erect or affix suitable signs designating the Nursing Department Complex at the Tennessee Technology Center at Shelbyville in Bedford County as the "Edna Shoffner Allied Health Complex".

SECTION 3. This act shall become operative only if the cost of the erection of such sign is paid to the Tennessee Board of Regents from non-state funds within one (1) year of the effective date of this act. Such payment shall be made prior to any expenditure by the state for the manufacture or installation of such signs. The Tennessee Board of Regents shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to the person or entity paying for such sign within thirty (30) days of the erection of such sign. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, an amount equal to the difference in such costs shall be remitted to the Tennessee Board of Regents in

non-state funds within thirty (30) days of receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the Tennessee Board of Regents.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.